(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) and (b), Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) Ltd. has reported that ridership has increased marginally. On an average around 4.7 lakhs passengers are using the metro services every day.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) The present frequency of trains during existing revenue hours are considered adequate for meeting the average traffic given in (a) above. Starting of night services is not under consideration as there is not enough ridership after 2200 hours.

UIDSSMT for Andhra Pradesh

407. SHRI M.V. MYSURA REDDY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have launched Urban Infrastructure Development Scheme for Small and Medium Towns (UIDSSMT);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of funds allotted under the scheme to the State Government of Andhra Pradesh till date; and

(d) the progress achieved by Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Urban Infrastructure Development Scheme for Small & Medium Towns (UIDSSMT) has been launched on 3rd December, 2005 for improvement of urban infrastructure in towns/cities excluding cities covered under Jawaharla! Nehru Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM) in a planned manner and to implement the urban/municipal reforms.

(c) During 2005-06 no State-wise allocation of funds was made. However, Rs. 49.20 crore was released to Andhra Pradesh State. During 2006-07 the State Government of Andhra Pradesh has been provided with an

indicative allocation of Rs. 68.84 crore and Rs. 85.31 crore has been released.

(d) The progress from Andhra Pradesh is yet to be received. However, utilization certificates of the funds released will be due after March, 2007.

Pending projects of Commonwealth Games

†408. SHRI JAI PARKASHAGGARWAL.Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIR-SAND SPORTS be pieased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that files of about half dozen of important projects pertaining to Commonwealth Games are still pending for clearance in various departments due to the objections against the same;

(b) if so, the details of these projects; and

(c) whether the completion of these projects is likely to be delayed as a result of these objections?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS and SPORTS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) and (b) The process of seeking clearances from various agencies for the Commonwealth Games, 2010 related projects is an on-going process and any objections/clarifications raised by them are being suitably addressed by the implementation agencies concerned. For expediting the required clearances, an Empowered Committee has been set up under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary, GNCTD with representatives from all the concerned agencies/authorities to facilitate speedy clearances in respect of the games related projects, which has been meeting regularly. Another Committee has been set up, with the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports as convenor to deal with clearances pertaining to Delhi Urban Arts Commission (DUAC).

The major sports infrastructure projects related to the Commonwealth Games, 2010 are: construction/upgradation of Games Village and two Indoor Stadiums by Delhi Development Authority (DDA); Jawaharlal Nehru Complex, Major Dhyan Chand National Stadium, Indira Gandhi Complex, Dr. Kami Singh Shooting Range and S.P. Mukherjee Swimming Pool Complex by SAI; the Thyagaraj Sports Complex and Talkatora Indoor

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